

Guide to the Holwell Walshe Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1650

CREATOR: Walshe, Holwell

TITLE: Holwell Walshe papers

DATES: 1860-1949

BULK DATES: 1860-1871

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, and official government and military directives to and from Holwell Walshe, which document his career in the 1st and 2nd West India Regiments, particularly his years as commander of Sherbro Island, Sierra Leone. Walshe took possession of Sherbro in September 1862 and successfully defended the island and revitalized its economy. He remained as Civil Commandant until 1871, when he was transferred to Singapore as a police magistrate.

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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased by the African Collection Curator in 1993.

Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

Holwell Walshe Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Scope and Contents

The Holwell Walshe Papers consist of correspondence and official government and military directives to and from Walshe which document his military career in the 1st and 2nd West India Regiments and, in particular, his years served as commander of the island of Sherbro, Sierra Leone.

Walshe and a detachment of forty-two men took possession of Sherbro in September, 1862. The island, a territory ceded to England, was subject to internal strife among numerous feuding chieftains, lack of trade and revenue, and the external threat of raids and subsequent enslavement of inhabitants.

Captain Walshe successfully defended Sherbro and revitalized its economy, retaining the position of Civil Commandant until 1871, when he was transferred to Singapore as a police magistrate.

Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1 - 5	Correspondence	1860-1871
b. 1, f. 6	<i>"Memo: of Captain Walshe's services on the Western Coast of Africa from October 1860 to November 1871"</i> English	undated
b. 1, f. 7	Correspondence of others; unidentified	1911-1939
b. 1, f. 8	Notes and printed material	1949, undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names

Sherbro Island (Sierra Leone)

Names

Walshe, Holwell

Corporate Bodies

Great Britain. Army. West India Regiment, 1st
Great Britain. Army. West India Regiment, 2nd